

Standard – TF-III.E. – Use current research and district/region/state/national content standards to build lessons and units of instruction

Activity – Texas Career and Technology Education University

The State of Texas provides career/technology teachers with a comprehensive framework and content standards for use as educators build lessons for 21st century learners. The Texas Education Agency provides yearly updates to the Standards for Ensuring Student Success. These updates are reviewed and presented to technology teachers at the yearly CTE University. This upcoming year technology educators will be working with a new set of standards to address the scope and sequence for courses in the Information Technology strand.

The university was an opportunity to participate in presentations and round table discussions about the new standards. Long term technology educators shared their reviews of the new standards and how the standards would affect other the career technology strands. The multi-cluster presentation provided suggestions for ways to communicate the new standards to all stakeholders. There was a certain amount of excitement as the new standards allow students to incorporate multiple opportunities to learn and gain success in the career technology fields.

The new standards for Information Technology are especially exciting for a new technology teacher. I will be tasked with preparing my students with the skill base to help them move forward in their chosen areas of technology. It became apparent throughout the presentation the need to market and communicate the new standards that will move the new information technology program forward in my district. As a technology leader I will need to work to achieve both vertical and horizontal alignment of technology skills for the students in Liberty Hill.